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Consonants

Izere	
Afusare	
<i>Izarek</i>	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Kaduna State, <div></div> Bauchi State, <div></div> Plateau
Native speakers	500,000 (2006–2016) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none">Plateau <ul style="list-style-type: none">Central ? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Izeric <ul style="list-style-type: none">Izere
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Variously: <div>izr – NE & NW</div> Izere <div>cen – Cèn (Chen)</div> gne – Ganàng (Gashish)
Glottolog	<i>None</i> <div>izer1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/izer1242)</div> Izeric, incl. Firan ^[2]

	<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Labiodental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palato-alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Labial-velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Stop</u>	p b		t d		c ɟ	k ɡ	kp ɡb	
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n		ɲ	ŋ	ŋm	
<u>Trill</u>			(r)					
<u>Fricative</u>		f v	s z	ʃ ʒ				h
<u>Affricate</u>			ts					
<u>Approximant</u>					y, ɥ		w	
<u>Lateral</u>			l					

Vowels

The vowel phonemes of Izere are shown in the following table.

Vowel phonemes

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i	u
<u>Close-mid</u>	e	o
<u>Open-mid</u>	ɛ	
<u>Open</u>	a	

Tonemes

There are three level (L, M & H) and two contour tonemes (LM & HL) in Izere; the latter two are found only in loanwords and onomatopoeia.

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External links

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